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In the last several Consortium meetings we mentioned (and the Health Plans were surveyed for preferences) that we needed to identify appropriate volume based breaks for the U277 Transactions being produced through our translator. These breaks, as previously discussed, are necessary to ensure prompt and efficient availability of Adjudication files for Encounters.

Upon review of inputs from the Health Plans and assessment of available options, a decision has been made to implement the following standards effective immediately in the Acceptance Test (ATR) environment and prior to the November Encounter cycle in the production environment.

U277 - Will brake on 20 meg. This means for the largest submitter (BHS) they would get no more than 25 U277 files.

Supplemental - There will be no breaks on this file at this time. If this proves to be an issue for you please let us know ASAP.

We will have the opportunity to review this in the November 9th Consortium meeting, but if you have questions, comments or concerns prior to that time please let us know. Thanks!